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### SUMMARY

1. IN PLENARY MEETING SYG DAVIES ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO ACCEPT AN ADDITIONAL TERM AS SYG OF ORGANIZATION IF WMO EIGHTH CONGRESS GIVES SUPPORT.
2. SYG IN PREPARED STATEMENT INDICATED HE HAD HESITATED BEFORE MAKING DECISION ABOUT HIS CANDIDACY IN ORDER TO BE IN POSSESSION OF AND CAREFULLY REVIEW AS MANY OPINIONS AS POSSIBLE.
3. ON THE ONE HAND, HE HAD CONSIDERED THE ADVANTAGES OF RETIREMENT AND PRIVATE LIFE AND THE PURSUIT OF HIS MANY INTERESTS. HE HAD ALSO SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED WHETHER IT WOULD BE THE INTEREST OF WMO FOR HIM TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE.
4. HE HAD MADE THE DECISION THAT HE CAN STILL BE OF SERVICE AND IS THEREFORE PREPARED TO STAND FOR APPOINTMENT FOR A 6TH TIME. HOWEVER, THE FINAL DECISION RESTS WITH

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GOVERNMENTS OF MEMBER STATES, WHICH WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MANIFEST THEIR WILL AT THE WMO EIGHTH CONGRESS IN JUNE 1979.

5. DAVIES STRESSED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN "PRESSURED TO STAY ON", AS HAD BEEN SPECULATED BY SOME, BUT HAD OF COURSE, LISTENED WITH APPRECIATION TO THOSE WHO HAD

EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR HIS RUNNING FOR A FURTHER TERM.

6. DAVIES HAD WORDS OF PRAISE FOR THE SECRETARIAL STAFF, RECOGNIZING THAT LIKE ALL ORGANIZATIONS, WMO HAS SOME PROBLEMS BUT THAT THE STAFF IS ANIMATED BY SPIRIT OF DEDICATION AND HIGH COMPETENCE.

7. THE SYG REFERRED TO THOSE WHO HAD EXPRESSED TO HIM THEIR APPRECIATION FOR HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEMS OF LDC'S AND HIS STRONG SUPPORT OF PROGRAMS AIMED AT PROVIDING THE ORGANIZATION'S ASSISTANCE. HE STRESSED THAT THE SUCCESS OF ALL WMO PROGRAMS DEPENDS ON THE COLLECTIVE EFFORTS OF ALL MEMBER NATIONS.

8. BEFORE CLOSING HIS STATEMENT, DAVIES REITERATED THAT FINAL DECISION ON HIS CANDIDACY NOW IN THE HANDS OF 8TH CONGRESS, AND THAT HE HAD MADE HIS ANNOUNCEMENT AS SOON AS HE HAD REACHED THE DECISION THAT HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO RUN AGAIN.

9. FOLLOWING DR. DAVIES' STATEMENT, THE PRESIDENT OF WMO, DR. TAHA, INDICATED THAT DUE TO THE PRESS OF BUSINESS DURING THE CLOSING DAY OF THE EC MEETING, NO EC MEETING IN CAMERA WOULD BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE STATEMENT.

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COMMENT: IN THE LIGHT OF SYG'S ANNOUNCEMENT TO RUN AGAIN, DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER IN NEXT WEEKS THE IMPACT OF HIS STATEMENT AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING UP TO IT, ON THE POSSIBLE CANDIDACY OF ROBERT WHITE.

THE ENTIRE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A SUBSEQUENT COMMUNICATION. VANDEN HEUVEL

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